

Community Impact Bucks' COVID-19 Briefing #68

NCVO member resources update and #FundAlerts

Short regular briefing from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Access to NCVO's tools and resource area, which is usually only available to NCVO members, is closing soon – see details below – plus a selection of new funding opportunities.

NCVO MEMBER RESOURCES - FREE ACCESS FINISHING SOON

In response to COVID-19, [NCVO](#) opened up access to its member-only [resource area](#) to thousands of voluntary organisations for free. This offer will be closing on 28th September; have a look at the online tools and guidance before you lose access. Resources include:

- [Tool to check on your organisation's volunteer practice](#): The Investing in Volunteers (IIV) Essentials tool will help you carry out a basic health check on your volunteer practice, encouraging you to think about volunteers' experiences and how volunteers can help make the biggest difference to your cause.
- [Volunteers and the law](#): guidance to help you understand your legal rights and obligations when managing volunteers.
- [Governance risk register template](#): this template for charities provides a framework for identifying, assessing and recording the risks that your organisation faces. It should be used as a starting point for your own risk register and be adapted for your organisation.

SAFEGUARDING WEBINAR

Last week NCVO hosted a webinar on safeguarding which addressed how charities can keep beneficiaries, volunteers and staff safe during the pandemic. In case you missed it, you can now watch a recording – click on [NCVO's Safeguarding through COVID-19 and beyond](#).

#FundAlerts

New funds are opened up regularly; to keep up-to-date with the latest announcements and for support on all aspects of funding, visit our [COVID-19 Funding webpages](#) and read our [top ten tips on how to write a successful funding application](#).

Four new funds are outlined below:

- **Funding to help groups stabilise and recover from COVID-19:** Heart of Bucks set up the Coronavirus Stabilisation Fund to fund groups supporting the local community as part of the emergency response to COVID-19. The funding offer has now been extended to enable not-for-profit organisations, which have been affected by the pandemic, to stabilise their financial and operational position and move towards recovery. There are no specific deadlines for this fund so submit your application while funds are available. For more information visit [Heart of Bucks](#).
- **Funding for building resilient communities:** funding of up to £50,000 is available to small charities and constituted community groups which have innovative ideas on building resilient communities. Deadline for applications is 13th October 2020; for more information, visit the [Aviva Community Fund](#).
- **COVID-19 emergency fund for disability organisations:** grants of between £1,000 and £25,000 are available for Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs), covering 1 November 2020 to 30 June 2021. Deadline for applications is 5th October 2020; for more information, visit [Disability Action](#).
- **Grants for religious organisations adapting to new ways of working:** grants of up to £50,000 are available from the Hope Beyond grants programme which aims to enable churches and Christian charities to meet changing needs within their communities in response to the pandemic. The main themes are loneliness and isolation, growing community resilience, promoting mental and emotional health, and growing technological capability. For more information visit the [All Churches Trust](#).

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